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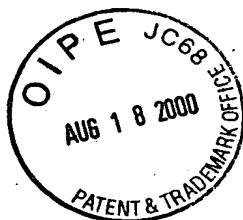
In re Patent Application of

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PROMOTER AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING HYBRID PLANTS



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- ✓ Claim 1, lines 1-2, replace "corresponding to all or part" with --comprising--.
- ✓ Claim 1, line 3, delete "of the sequence according to".
- ✓ Claim 1, line 4, delete "of".
- ✓ Claim 1, line 5, delete "of".
- ✓ Claim 1, line 8, after "b)", insert --or d) a sequence which is a fragment of a)--.
- ✓ Claim 2, line 2, replace "corresponding to all or part" with --comprising--.
- ✓ Claim 2, line 3, replace "of the" with --a--.
- ✓ Claim 3, lines 4-5, after "2111" delete ",", preferably from nucleotide 1 to nucleotide 2084".
- ✓ Claim 2, line 7, delete "of".